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Mr. Commissary *Von Reck*,

Who Conducted the First Transport of
SALTZBURGERS to *Georgia*:

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Reverend Mr. *Bolzius*,

One of their MINISTERS.

Giving an Account of their VOYAGE
to, and happy SETTLEMENT in
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THE SOCIETY for Promoting CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, and the Members chosen by them to be TRUSTEES for the poor persecuted Saltzburgers, having some time ago, promised to publish an Extract of the JOURNALS of Mr. Commissary Von Reck, who in the Year 1733-4. conducted the First Transport of Saltzburgers to Georgia; and of the Reverend Mr. Bolzcius, one of their Ministers (recommended to the Society, by the Reverend Mr. Professor

To the Reader.

Professor Frank at Hall, as an excellent and pious Person, zealously affected to every good Work) do accordingly publish these Sheets; which being written Originally in the German Language, the Reader will be pleased to dispense with some Inaccuracies in the English Translation, which Defect will be made up by the Truth and Faithfulness of the Narrative.





EXTRACTS
OF
Mr. VON RECK's
JOURNAL
FROM
Dover to Ebenezer.



January 8. O. S. 1733-4.



HAVING a favourable Wind,
we left *Dover*, and again set
Sail. An universal Joy ap-
peared amongst the *Saltz-*
burgers, who praised God
that he had heard their Prayers.

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Jan. 9. WE discovered at Noon the Isle of *Wight*.

Jan. 10, 11. AT Eleven in the Morning, having happily passed through the Channel, we left the Land's End.

THUS GOD was pleased to rejoice us, and give us Hopes, that, through the Continuance of his Mercy, the rest of our Voyage would be no less prosperous. May the LORD be pleased always to assist us; we are in his Hands, and to him we entirely trust our Souls and Bodies. Towards Night, the Wind increased so much, that it broke the Stay which held the Main-top-Mast; and we had been exposed to great Danger, if Divine Providence had not averted it.

Jan. 24. THE Weather was fine and pleasant. According to our Reckoning, we passed the Latitude of the *Canary* Islands, and through the adorable Mercy of the Almighty approached the Trade-Winds, which are reckoned to blow all the Year from the Eastward.

Jan. 25. WE sung *Te Deum*, and praised the Almighty with our Lips and Hearts.

Jan. 26. GOD was pleased to give us very fair Weather, with the Continuation of the Trade-Wind.

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Jan. 28. AN Alarm of Fire caused a great Consternation in the whole Ship, but no ill Accident ensued. For my part, I think that G O D designed by this Alarm, to call us to Repentance; and to put us in mind of the Uncertainty of this Life, and the Eternity of the next. In reality, almost all became serious; and if they were not thoroughly converted, yet they could not help thinking with terror, how miserable must have been their Condition, had they by so sudden an Accident, been brought before the Tribunal of an offended and just G O D. Being recovered from our Fright, we [*Saltzburgers*] joined in our Praises unto the LORD, singing Hymns and Psalms, promising before him, never to offend his holy Majesty by any known Sin whatsoever.

Jan. 30. THIS Day we felt a great deal of Heat; and, for Refreshment, washed between the Decks, where the People lay, with Vinegar.

Jan. 31. A GREAT Shower of Rain fell, and the Wind changed to *West*. Thus G O D confounds the Opinions of Men, and convinces them, that He is Almighty and Master of the Winds; for the Sailors, who had persuaded us, that the Trade-

Wind blew constantly from the same Quarter, found now the contrary.

February 6. A T Night, a tempestuous Wind arose, but God in his Goodness, held his Almighty Hand over us, and was pleased the next Day to give us a good Wind, which advanced us five or six Miles an Hour.

Feb. 16. A T Two in the Afternoon, the Wind turned contrary N. by W. but being very gentle, the Sea was calm all that Night. It is remarkable, that *hitherto*, the contrary Winds have always been very gentle, and immediately followed by a Calm, so that we never went back.

Feb. 17. W E had this Evening at Prayers *Psal. l. 14. Offer unto God Thanksgiving, and pay thy Vows unto the most Highest*; Which we heartily did, for all his loving Mercies vouchsafed unto us: and at the same time, we vowed a Vow, as *Jacob* did in *Gen. xxviii.* and the 20th Verse.

Feb. 18. A T Two in the Afternoon, the Wind was strong at S. and soon after, it proved contrary, and extremely violent. I was very much surprized to see the Sea rise so high; a Tempest darkned the Sky; the Waves swelled and foamed; and every thing threatned to overwhelm us in the Deep. All the Sails were furled; the

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Violence of the Wind was so great, that it tore the Main Sail in pieces. Besides which, the Mate cried out, that the Water rose fast in the Hold: but though he spoke Truth, the Ship received no Damage. We sighed, we cried unto God, and prayed him to help us. He heard, and comforted us by some Passages of the Holy Scripture, as *Isa. li. 15. Psal. xxxix. 7, 8. Job. chap. xiv. and xvii.*

Feb. 20. WE saw a *Scotch Ship*, bound for *Charles-town*, and soon lost Sight of her again.

Feb. 27. LAST Night we had the Wind contrary *W. S. W.* but God granted us a sweet Repose, and renewed our Strength, the better to undergo a Tempest, which a Wind at *W.* by *S.* brought upon us by Break of Day. This Storm was more dreadful than the other. One sees always Death present in a Storm, and is more sensibly convinced of this Truth, that there may be but a moment between Life and Death. Wherefore those who are not thoroughly converted to God, and assured of the Happiness of the Life to come, are the most miserable at Sea: for if they chance to perish, they perish in their Sins. We made *the Holy Scriptures* our Refuge, some Passages where-

whereof did mightily comfort us, as *Isa.* liv. 7, 8. and the following verses, *Luk.* xviii. 7, 8. *Heb.* v. 7. *Mic.* vii. 18. Divine Mercy preserved us through our Saviour, and at Night the Wind abated.

March 1. As *Samuel* erected a Pillar which he called *Ebenexer*; so did we also erect in our Hearts an eternal Memorial of the divine Favours. I speak it in Truth, that I look upon it as the greater Mercy to my poor Soul, that *God* has vouchsafed to send me with the two Reverend Ministers, and the *Saltz-burgers*.

Mar. 3. WE were comforted, and our Hopes were revived by *Psal.* lxv. lxii. 12. xci. 93. *Isa.* xli. 13, 14. xliii. 12. xxxi. 5. and *Psal.* lxi.

Mar. 4. WE founded this Morning at six, and drew up some Sand and Soil of *Carolina*; neither did the Water appear so black as before, but look'd yellowish. The Captain lay by to make an Observation, and was hindred by the Cloudiness of the Weather: but a Snow, bound from *Carolina* to *Pensilvania*, passed by us, and gave us an Account how the Land lay. The Captain told me, we were ten Leagues distant from the Shore.

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Mar. 5. A S. S. W. arose, which carried us, through the Mercy of *Jesus Christ*, within sight of *Carolina*. We sung *Te Deum*, and the 66th *Psalms*, which was the *Psalms* for the Day, and seemed adapted to our Condition and Circumstances: and we trust it will be a *Psalms* of Remembrance to us upon the Day, which is to be celebrated every Year, as a Thanksgiving unto the Lord, for all his Mercies vouchsafed unto us. At Eleven in the Forenoon, we discovered the Coast of *Carolina*, all covered over with large Pine Trees. The Wind being N. W. by W. contrary, we could not reach the Point of *Charles-town*, so that we were forced, as we had been in our Voyage from *Rotterdam* to *Dover*, to stand off and on several times, in order to get more Wind. God acts with us, as he did with the *Israelites*: *Joshua* was to circumcise all those who were willing to enter into *Canaan*: so God is willing to circumcise, amend, and convert our Hearts, before he let us disembark. Towards Evening, we met an *English Ship*, which came from *Charles-town* this Afternoon, and was bound for *London*. He told us the agreeable News of Mr. *Oglethorpe's* being safely arrived the Night before at *Charles-town*, in his Way

Way to *England*, which mightily rejoiced and comforted us.

Mar. 6. AT fix in the Morning, the Wind blowing hard at *West*, we lost Sight of Land; though at Noon, the Wind coming to the *South*, we saw Land again: but Night approaching, we lay off and on.

Mar. 7. AT Nine, there came from *Charles-town*, a Pilot on Board our Ship, we immediately cast Anchor; and at Ten, the Captain, the Reverend Divines, and I went into the Pilot's Boat. At one in the Afternoon, we came to *Charles-town*, where I immediately waited on his Excellency *Robert Johnson* Esq; and Mr. *Oglethorpe*. They were glad to hear that the *Saltzburgers* were come within six Leagues, all safe and in good Health, without the Loss of any one Person. Mr. *Oglethorpe* shewed me a Plan of *Georgia*, and gave me the Liberty to choose a Settlement for the *Saltzburgers*, either near the Sea, or further in the Continent. I accordingly accepted his Favour, and chose a Place 21 Miles from the Town of *Savannah*, and 30 Miles from the Sea, where there are Rivers, little Hills, clear Brooks, cool Springs, a fertile Soil, and plenty of Grass.

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Charles-town is a fine Town, and a Sea-
 Port, and enjoys an extensive Trade. It
 is built on a Flat, and has large Streets ;
 the Houses good, mostly built of Wood,
 some of Brick. Wheat Bread is very dear
 here, there being no Wheat Flour but
 what Gentlemen raise upon their Planta-
 tions for their own Use, and that is very
 good ; or what they receive from the
 Northern Colonies, or from *England* ;
 Rice is here excellent and cheap. There
 are five Negroes to one White, and there
 are imported generally 3000 fresh Ne-
 groes every Year. There are computed
 to be 30,000 Negroes in this Province,
 all of them Slaves, and their Posterity for
 ever : They work six Days in the Week
 for their Masters without pay, and are
 allowed to work on *Sundays* for them-
 selves. Baptism is rarely here administer'd
 to the Children of the Negroes, and Mar-
 riage is not in use amongst them ; but
 they are suffer'd promiscuously to mix,
 as if they were a Part of the Brute Crea-
 tion. Being thus used, lays amongst them
 a Foundation of Discontent ; and they
 are generally thought to watch an Oppor-
 tunity of revolting against their Masters,
 as they have lately done in the Island of
St. John and of *St. Thomas*, belonging to
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the *Danes* and *Sweeds*; and it is the Apprehension of these and other Inconveniences, that has induced the Honourable Trustees for *Georgia*, to prohibit the Importation and Use of Negroes within their Colony.

MR. *Oglethorpe* sent on Board our Ship, by the Pilot's Sloop, a large Quantity of fresh Beef, two Butts of Wine, two Tunn of Spring Water, Cabbage, Turnips, Radishes, Fruit, &c. as a present from the Trustees, to refresh the *Saltzburgers* after their long Voyage; for which Kindness (under God) we cannot be sufficiently thankful to them.

Mar. 8. WE thought this Morning to have gone with the Pilot's Long Boat, on Board our Ship the *Purrysburg*, for the Captain had taken here a Pilot, to bring us into the River *Savannah*. Mr. *Oglethorpe* had given us for our Guide Mr. *Dunbar*, who knows the Country very well, and was already settled in *Georgia*, near the Place appointed for us. We thought, I say, to have gone this Morning; but the Boat was too much loaded, and the Wind, which was *E. S. E.* though favourable for *Georgia*, was contrary for us to reach our Ship. We returned to the Town, and lay there.

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Mar. 9. WE beg'd of God, that he would permit us to go to our *Georgia*. We went away this Morning at ten, and got on Board our Ship at two in the Afternoon.

Mar. 10. GOD blessed us this Day with the Sight of our Country, our wish'd-for *Georgia*, which we saw at ten in the Morning; and brought us unto the *Savannah* River, and caused us to remember the Vows we had made unto him, if He did through his infinite Goodness bring us hither. We were to day very much edified with the xxxii^d Chapter of *Genesis*, and the xxvith of *Leviticus*. At Noon, we cast Anchor because of the Tide: at eight, during the Evening Prayers, we enter'd the River of *Savannah*; and were shelter'd by the Divine Goodness, from all Dangers and Inconveniences of the Sea. This River is in some Places broader than the *Rhine*, and from 16 to 25 Foot deep; and abounds with Oysters, Sturgeon, and other Fish. Its Banks were cloathed with fresh Grass; and a little beyond were seen Woods, old as the Creation; resounding with the Musick of Birds, who sung the Praise of their Creator.

Mar. 12. THE Magistrates of the Town sent on Board our Ship an experienced Pilot ; and we were carried up to the Town of *Savannah* by 11 in the Forenoon. They returned our salute of five Guns with three ; and all the Magistrates, the Citizens, and the *Indians*, were come to the River side. The two Divines, Mr. *Dunbar*, some others, and myself, went ashore in a Boat. We were received with all possible Demonstrations of Joy, Friendship, and Civility. The *Indians* reach'd their Hands to me, as a Testimony of their Joy also for our Arrival. The *Saltzburgers* came on shore after us ; and we immediately pitch'd a Tent for them, in the Square of the Town.

I WENT to view this rising Town, *Savannah*, seated upon the Banks of a River of the same Name. The Town is regularly laid out, divided into four Wards, in each of which is left a spacious Square, for holding of Markets, and other publick Uses. The Streets are straight, and the Houses are all of the same Model and Dimensions, and well contrived for Conveniency : For the Time it has been built, it is very populous, and its Inhabitants are all White People. And
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indeed, the Blessing of God seems to have gone along with this Undertaking; for here we see Industry honoured, and Justice strictly executed, and Luxury and Idleness banished from this happy Place, where Plenty and Brotherly Love seem to make their Abode, and where the good Order of a Nightly Watch, restrains the Disorderly, and makes the Inhabitants sleep secure in the midst of a Wilderness. There is laid out, near the Town, by Order of the Trustees, a Garden for making Experiments, for the Improving Botany and Agriculture; it contains 10 Acres, and lies upon the River; and it is cleared, and brought into such Order, that there is already, a fine Nursery of Oranges, Olives, white Mulberries, Figs, Peaches, and many curious Herbs: besides which, there is Cabbages, Peas, and other *European* Pulse and Plants, which all thrive. Within the Garden there is an artificial Hill, said by the Indians, to be raised over the Body of one of their ancient Emperors. I had like to have forgot one of the best Regulations, made by the Trustees, for the Government of the Town of *Savannah*, I mean, the utter Prohibition of the Use of Rum, that flattering but deceitful Liquor, which

which has been found equally pernicious to the Natives and new Comers, which seldom fails, by Sickness, or Death, to draw after it its own Punishment.

Mar. 13. I went to see the *Indians*, and their King *Tomo-cha-chi*: I caused some Raisins, of which they are very fond, to be distributed amongst them. It is worth taking Notice of, that as we were at Evening Prayers, after our Return from the *Indians*, who have their Huts at 100 Paces distance from the Town, one of the *Saltzburgers* should tell us, that he was edified to Day by this Passage of *St. John*, that *God loved all the World*.

Mar. 14. MR. Ogletborpe had given Orders for three Horses to be ready for my Service, to take a View of the Country, and to ride to the Place where the *Saltzburgers* were to settle. I went this Morning at nine of the Clock, with a Constable and a Guide; but after we had gone a Mile or two, we enter'd some thick Woods, divided by deep Brooks of Water; and though we could with great Difficulty pass over some, yet there were others we could not pass; wherefore we returned back to the Town.

Mar. 15. I received the List of the Provisions and Tools for the *Saltzburgers*.

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MR. Oglethorpe, and Mr. Jenys, Speaker of the Assembly of *Carolina*, arrived at *Savannah*, from *Charles-town*; the first having out of Love to our *Saltzburgers* put off his Journey to *England*, being resolved to see them settled before he went. Having informed him, that the Floods had made it impossible for me to pass the Woods by Land; he said he would go himself, to shew me the Country, and see what Place I would choose. The Speaker desired to accompany him, and I did my self the Honour to make one of the Company. He sent to the *Indian King*, to desire two *Indians* to hunt for him in the Journey; who not only granted them, but his chief War Captain, *Tuskeneoi*, out of Civility to Mr. Oglethorpe, came along with them to accompany us. We went on Board a ten-oar'd Boat, to the Place where a House was building by Mr. Musgrove, * six Miles up the *Savannah River*.

Mar. 16. HAVING slept well in a Tent which we pitched under the Shade of a Tree, by the River side last Night, I accompanied Mr. Oglethorpe on Horseback, and the Speaker and others went by Water. IF

* Who afterwards came to *England*, Interpreter to *Tomochichi*,

If you ask, how a Country that is covered with Wood, and cut with Rivers and Morasses, is passable; I must acquaint you, that since the Colony was settled, the Ways were marked by Barking of the Trees, to shew where the Roads should go, and where the Rivers were passable. After passing through a Morass covered with Canes, we came to an unfordable River, through which the *Indians* swam our Horses, and we crossed over upon a great Tree, cut down for that Purpose: The Tree was cut down so as to lie across the River, and serve for a Bridge. And after riding some Leagues in the Woods, we passed another River. Night overtaking us, we were obliged to take up our Quarters upon a little Hill, round a Fire with the *Indians*, who brought us a wild Turkey for our Supper.

Mar. 17. WE continued our Journey, and set out by Break of Day, and at nine arrived at the Place where the *Saltzburgers* were afterwards settled. I shall here give a short Description of it. The Lands are inclosed between two Rivers, which fall into the *Savannah*. The *Saltzburg* Town is to be built near the largest, which is called * *Ebenezer*, in

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 hither ; and is navigable, being twelve
 Foot deep. A little Rivulet, whose Water
 is as clear as Cryſtal, glides by the Town ;
 another runs through it, and both fall
 into the *Ebenezer*. The Woods here are
 not ſo thick as in other Places. The
 ſweet Zephyrs preſerve a delicious Cool-
 neſs, notwithstanding the ſcorching Beams
 of the Sun. There are very fine Mea-
 dows, in which a great Quantity of Hay
 might be made with very little Pains :
 there are alſo Hillocks, very fit for Vines.
 The Cedar, Walnut, Pine, Cypreſs,
 and Oak, make the greateſt Part of the
 Woods. There is found in them a great
 Quantity of Myrtle Trees, out of which
 they extract, by boiling the Berries, a
 green Wax, very proper to make Can-
 dles with. There is much Saffafras, and
 a great Quantity of thoſe Herbs of which
 Indigo is made, and Abundance of *China*
 Roots. The Earth is ſo fertile, that it
 will bring forth any thing that can be
 ſown or planted in it ; whether Fruits,
 Herbs, or Trees. There are wild Vines,
 which run up to the Tops of the tall-
 eſt Trees ; and the Country is ſo good, that
 one may ride full gallop 20 or 30 Miles
 an end. As to Game, here are Eagles, Wild

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Turkies, Roe-Bucks, Wild Goats, Stags, Wild Cows, Horses, Hares, Partridges, and Buffaloes.

FROM hence I returned to the Town of *Savannah*, through *Abercorn*, a Village newly settled by Order of the Trustees, upon the *Savannah* River, near where the *Ebenezer* falls into it.

Mar. 22. MR. *Oglethorpe*, after a great deal of Fatigue, returned this Morning to *Savannah*; every thing was immediately prepared for his Departure, and he really thought to have gone this Afternoon; but the Multiplicity of Affairs, the Complaints which were made before him, and several other Things which fell out together, kept him back till to-morrow,

Mar. 23. AND then He went away. All the People were so concerned at it, that they could not refrain their Tears, when they saw Him go, who was their Benefactor and their Father; who had carefully watched over them, as a good Shepherd does over his Flock, and who had had so tender a Care of them, both by Day and by Night; and they were the more afflicted, that the Fatigues and Difficulties of so long a Voyage, left them very small Hopes of seeing Him again.

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Mar. 24. Sunday. WE were spiritually comforted by receiving the Holy Communion.

Mar. 27. MR. *Jones*, who is a Surveyor, and I, went away this Night in a small Boat, for *Abercorn*, in order to go from thence to seek and clear the River *Ebenezer*. It thunder'd and lighten'd; and the Wind being contrary and strong, we could go up no higher than *Musgrove's* Land; where we lay under the Canopy of Heaven, upon the bare Ground, having made a good Fire to warm our benumbed Limbs; for tho' it be hot here in the Day-time, yet it is cold in the Night.

Mar. 28. AFTER Breakfast, we continued our Journey, and came at Noon to *Abercorn*. At five in the Afternoon, we entred into a small River, but at nine at Night, we perceived that it was lost among the Trees and Marshes. We entered the same Night into another River, more towards the *W.* very large, and having a good Stream, adorned with Woods on each side of it. At last, we reach'd a rising Ground, where we landed; we cut some Canes, made a Fire, lay round it, and God granted us a good Rest.

Mar. 29. WE went farther up the River, but not without great Difficulties.

Mar. 30. TOWARDS Night we came out of the River, which fell into the *Savannah*, 8 Miles above *Purrysburg*; so our Design was frustrated, by missing the River *Ebenezer*, and we returned the same Night to *Abercorn*, where we staid.

Mar. 31. WE arrived this Afternoon at *Savannah*.

April 1. WE put on Board a Sloop, Provision for three Months, with necessary Tools, and the Baggage of the *Saltz-burgers*.

Apr. 2. WE all went on Board the little Sloop, but found it was too much loaden; wherefore I went with only a few of the Men, and was obliged to leave the rest in the Town.

Apr. 3. WE came to the Village of *Abercorn*, at Four in the Afternoon: from hence, we were forced to carry our Provision and Baggage to *Ebenezer* by Land.

Apr. 4. I stay'd at *Ebenezer*, and could not but commend the Diligence and Industry of the nine *Saltz-burgers*, who were come before, and whose Labour God had given a Blessing unto. They had erected two good Tents, made of the Barks of Trees, one of which was 40 Foot long; and had cut down abundance

dance of Trees, in order to breathe a free Air: and besides all that, they were obliged in the greatest Heats, almost every Day, to walk to *Abercorn*, which is 12 Miles; and to carry their Utenfils and daily Provision, upon their Backs. After this, God was pleased, to shew us a more convenient Road than the other, by which we avoided one of the greatest Brooks.

Apr. 5. I returned to wait the Arrival of the other *Saltzburgers*, who were to follow us immediately.

Apr. 7. THE rest of the *Saltzburgers* arrived.

Apr. 8. MR. *Bolzcius* made ardent Prayers, that our Saviour would assist us in our Beginning, and bless our Labours with Success.

Apr. 9. WE began to make a Bridge over a Brook, and finished it.

Apr. 10. IN the Morning we went on cutting and cleansing.

Apr. 12. Good Friday. God was pleased to take to himself, the Soul of one of our People, called * *Lackner*. The Resignation and sweet Death of this Man, who expired the same Day that Jesus Christ

* See a more full Account in Mr. *Bolzcius's* Journal.

Christ did on the Cross, did not fail to touch every one, and raise in us a fervent Desire of enjoying soon the same Felicity, with our Saviour, in the Heavenly Jerusalem. We put up a Box, for the Relief of the Poor, and of the poor Chidren of the Indians ; and as the first Foundation, we put into it the Deceased's Money, which though but small, we pray God to increase.

Apr. 13. THE Reverend Mr. *Bolzcius* made a Funeral Oration upon the Words of St. *Paul* in the xith Chap. to the *Hebrews*, ver. 8, 9, 10. which suited the Deceased in every respect. At the Place of Interment, he made a very moving Exhortation, from *Heb. iv.* ver. 9, 10, 11.

Apr. 14, and 15. Easter. GOD was pleased to awaken our Zeal for his Service, and to animate us to more ardent Endeavours to enter through the strait Gate into the Kingdom of Heaven, and to pass through this Vale of Miseries, Troubles, Sufferings, and Persecutions, to the eternal Felicity which is prepared for Those who shall remain faithful unto the End, and who shall fight and overcome.

Apr. 16. OUR *Saltzburgers* continued to work upon the Road.

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Apr. 18. OUR People had made Sledges; I caused Horses to be put to them, and we brought Provisions to *Ebenezer*.

Apr. 19. THIS Day the *Saltzburgers* finished the Way for Carriages; which surprized the *English* mightily, to see they had compassed it in so short a Time; having built seven Bridges over several Rivers, besides cutting the Thickets and Trees that were in the Way; and this for the Length of 12 Miles, from *Abercorn* to *Ebenezer*.

WE found before my Tent a strong white Horse; and as we wanted Horses, and knew not from whence he came, nor to whom he belonged, we received him with Thankfulness to GOD.—I received Letters from Captain *Mackpherson*, that he would soon deliver us at *Ebenezer* the Oxen which Mr. *Oglethorpe* had bought of him on our Arrival, to supply the *Saltzburgers* with fresh Meat.

Apr. 22. WE found another Horse in the Woods to-day, which proved very fit for our Service. We found also very good Honey in a hollow Tree, which very much refreshed us. Parrots and Partridges make us here a very good Dish. The Earth is of several sorts, some sandy,

dy, some black, fat and heavy, and some of a claiey nature. The first is good for Potatoes and Pease; the second for all sorts of Corn; and the third for to make Bricks, Earthen Ware, &c. And the Meadows and Valleys are good for feeding Cattle, Rice, and *Indian* Corn: So that we might hope, with the Blessing of GOD, for plentiful Harvests every Year; if there were more People who would apply themselves to the Tilling of the Ground.

Apr. 24. THE Inhabitants of the Island of *Edistow*, having given 30 Cows for the Use of the Colony of *Georgia*, Mr. *Oglethorpe* order'd them to be sent up to the *Saltzburgers*.

Apr. 27. WE sent every Day loaded Sledges to *Ebenezer*.

Apr. 29. I WENT this Day from *Abercorn*, in order to take my Leave of *Ebenezer*, and begin to build a Chapel.

May 1. I HAD Lotts drawn for the Places for the Houses in the Town of *Ebenezer*; through which all the Commerce from *Savannah* by Land to *Carolina* must pass.

May 2. A SLOOP brought us ten Cows and Calves, from the Magistrates of *Savannah*, by Mr. *Oglethorpe's* Order.

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May 5. I RECEIVED by the † Post Letters from Mr. *Oglethorpe*, acquainting me, That we were to receive Twenty Cows and Calves, ten Sows, with Corn for to feed them, and some Fowls and Ducks.

May 9. A Sloop brought us ten * Casks full of all Sorts of Seeds; GOD be praised for it. We do not deserve, O LORD, all the loving Kindnesses thou hast done to thy Servants.

May 10. THE Indians brought us a Deer, which mightily refresh'd our *Saltz-burgers*.

May 12. Sunday. WE prepared ourselves for the Celebration of a Thanksgiving, to morrow, to Almighty GOD, for his safely bringing us hither. The Chapel was quite finished, so that we could Worship our GOD in it.

May 13. MR. *Bolzcius* made a Discourse upon these Words of *Jacob*; LORD, *I am not worthy of the least of all thy Mercies, and of the Truth which thou hast shewed to thy Servant*, Gen. xxxii. 10. The lxth Psalm, ver. 9, 10. the lxvth, and cviith, were quoted, and expressed livelyly our
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† A Messenger goes by Land every 14 days, from *Charles-town* to *Savannah*, through *Ebenezer*.

* Which were sent from *Savannah*.

own Condition. I spake to the People in the Afternoon, and put them in mind of God's Kindnesses, by an Enumeration of them, according to my Observations. I read the 26th Chapter of *Leviticus*, and the 28th, 29th, of *Deuteronomy*. I applied them to the Congregation, and we made a strict Covenant with God, to serve Him for the future, with a more fervent Zeal, to give Him all that is his, to walk uprightly before his Face, to seek only the Kingdom of God, and its Righteousness, and we renewed the Vows we had made, when at Sea. Have Mercy on us, O our Saviour; Guide us by thy Holy Spirit, into the Paths of Truth; and grant unto us, the Grace to perform in Truth and Sincerity, all that we have promised and sworn unto Thee. After that, I took my Leave of them, and left them some Rules for their Direction, and was very much concerned, at my leaving such good Christians, and good Friends.





EXTRACT

Of the REVEREND

Mr. *BOLZIVUS's*

JOURNAL,

FROM

Their Arrival in *Carolina.*

Thursday, *March 7.*



HOUGH the Wind is fair,
the Ship will not go into
Charles-town Harbour, but lie
at Anchor, till we get a Pi-
lot to carry us to *Georgia.*

WE have Liberty to go with our Cap-
tain in a Boat to *Charles-town*, where

we intended to get our Habits made: But finding no Taylor here that understands it, we must endeavour to find one at another Place. *Charles-town* makes a fine Shew at a Distance in the Sea, and is very regularly built. What we observed here is as follows:

1. THAT every thing in this Place is very dear, except some sort of Victuals.

2. THAT they have here Money made of Paper, the Value of which is express'd upon it with Letters: and though you give the People Gold or Silver Coin, yet they give you the Change in Paper. This Money is current over all *Carolina*.

3. THAT notwithstanding almost every Thing is dear here, any Body that will work may get his Living.

4. THAT there are more Black than White People here; who all are kept to Work, but not to Christianity. Few are Baptized; the rest live like Brutes, in relation to the Seventh Commandment. They are brought hither from *Africa*, by whole Ship-loads, to be sold.

5. THAT the Weather is very hot here. In the Beginning of the Spring

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all Trees are in Blossom, and the Gardens full of Cabbage, Turneps, Radishes, Sallad, and other Fruits.

6. THAT we found here some *Germans*, who were very glad of our Arrival, and will come to us, in order to receive the Sacrament.

7. THAT three Weeks ago, a rich loaden Ship lying before this Town, was burnt to Ashes, by the Carelessness of a Boy.

8. THAT the Black Slaves are about 30,000 in *Carolina* only. A credible Man told us, that about two Months ago, in the two Islands of *St. Thomas* and *St. John*, belonging to the *Swedes* and *Danes*, the Black Slaves had killed all the White People; the former being more numerous than the latter.

9. THAT Mr. *Oglethorpe* received us with great Kindness, and went with us to the Governor, a very good Man, where we dined. Mr. *Oglethorpe* told us many good Things of the Heathens that were to be our Neighbours: That they were good and friendly to every Body; but if they were offended, they calmly demanded Satisfaction three several times; which if denied them, they used no more Words, but never forget the Offence,
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and will revenge themselves many Years after. If a Man behaved himself friendly to them, he could have of them what he pleased.

MR. *Oglethorpe* took Care likewise of the *Saltzburgers*, and sent on Board the Ship a whole Ox killed, Wine, fresh Water, and Garden Fruit. He also sent a Man to serve the People, and to bring us to *Georgia*, because he knew the Way.

Friday, *March 8.*

WE went off with the Sloop, in order to go to our Ship again, but the Wind being contrary, we were obliged to turn back.

Saturday, *March 9.*

THIS Day we came to our People again, which caused great Joy. We found them all in good Health, and they had edified each other by the Word of GOD; which gave us great Comfort, when they told us of it at the Evening Prayers.

Sunday, *March 10.*

BLESSED be the LORD, that he has brought us within the Bounds of *Georgia*, upon the Sunday *Reminiscere*; the Gospel of which Day tells us, "That our Blessed Saviour came to the Borders of the Heathen, after he had been
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"persecuted in his own Country." He hath done great Things for us. He comforts our Bodies with wholesome Food. And lying, in fine and calm Weather, under the Shore of our beloved *Georgia*, where we heard the Birds sing melodiously, every Body in the Ship was joyful. Among others, we compared with this Gospel the xxxiii^d Chapter of *Genesis*, in which we find that the travelling *Jacob*, (1.) Remembers the many Blessings of *G O D*, and gives Him Thanks for them. (2.) That indeed he was afraid of his Brother: but at last, (3.) By Prayers and Tears, (collated with *Hof.* xii. 4.) was delivered from all Fear, and received the Blessings of *Christ*, (collated with *Ephes.* i.) The second Part especially was enlarged upon, because some were afraid of being invaded by the Enemies in their Country, as hath been told, (*vid.* *Gen.* xxxi. 24. collated with ver. 29.) Likewise, *When a Man's Ways please the LORD, he maketh even his Enemies to be at Peace with him.*

Monday, March 11.

THE Captain, to lighten the Ship, order'd that all Casks of fresh Water should be emptied, which we had now no more Occasion for. Before that
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time, the Captain was so sparing of the Water, that the People could not quench their Thirst; and now he is obliged to spill so many Casks full.

Savannah, Tuesday, March 12.

AT the Place of our Landing, almost all the Inhabitants of the Town of *Savannah* were gather'd together; they fired off some Cannons, and cried Huzzah! which was answer'd by our Sailors, and other *English* People in our Ship, in the same manner. Some of us were immediately fetch'd on Shore in a Boat, and carried about the City, into the Woods, and the new Garden belonging to the Trustees. In the mean time, a very good Dinner was prepared for us: And the *Saltzburgers*, who had yet fresh Meat in the Ship, when they came on shore, they got very good and wholesome *English* strong Beer. And besides the Inhabitants shewing them a great deal of Kindness, and the Country pleasing them, they were full of Joy, and praised God for it. We, the Commissary, and Mr. *Zweffler* the Physician, were lodged in the House of the Reverend Mr. *Quincy* *, the *English* Minister here.

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* The Missionary sent to *Savannah*, at the Expence of the Incorporated Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Wednesday, *March 13.*

OUR *Saltzburgers* were lodged in a Tent, pitch'd on purpose for them, till Mr. *Oglethorpe's* Arrival from *Charlestown*. A few invited our *Saltzburgers*, and treated them with a good Rice-Soop for Breakfast. And God hath also moved the Hearts of several others here, to be very good and hospitable to us. The Country, as the Inhabitants say, is very fruitful; and the Land chose by us, which is about 21 *English* Miles from hence, is still better. All that is sowed, grows in a short Time.

Thursday, *March 14.*

LAST Night we Prayed on shore for the first time, in the *English* Chapel, made of Boards, and used for divine Worship, till a Church can be built; the Use of which is allowed us, during our Stay here. The Inhabitants join with us, and shew much Devotion. The *Jews* likewise, of which there are 12 Families here, come to Church, and seem to be very devout: They understand the *German* Tongue. Though the Chapel is but of Boards, it is very convenient, and pleases the *Saltzburgers*.

THIS Afternoon, we were carried to a Camp, which some *Indian* Hunters had

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in this Neighbourhood, who were in such a Condition as made our Hearts bleed; for in the Absence of their Chiefs, (who were gone to meet Mr. Oglethorpe) they had much disordered themselves with drinking of Rum, a Liquor very pernicious to them, and which has occasioned the Death of great * Numbers. They were painted with red, and made strange Postures. The most part of them are marked with blue Figures on their Necks, Faces, and Bodies. They have Beads about their Necks, and Rings, or coloured Feathers in their Ears. The *Saltz-burgers* had been with them, who likewise were touched with this Spectacle. In this Affliction, we went to Prayer, and unexpectedly met with this Sentence; *For God so loved the World, that He gave his only begotten Son, &c.* which so greatly moved our Hearts, that we gave God thanks for his holy Gospel, especially because we had seen the *Indians* Misery for want of the Gospel. At the same Time we conceived great Hopes, that God will shew plainly that he hath loved and still loves the World. In
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* This, among other Reasons, has given occasion to the Trustees, to prohibit the Use of *Rum* in the Province of *Georgia*.

which good Hopes we were strengthened by the lxxii^d *Pſalm*, which was read; and pray'd that God would have Mercy upon these poor Heathens, as he hath had upon others: we shall pray for them. By human Means it will not be easy to help these People, because it will be very difficult to learn their Language.

Friday, *March 15.*

THIS Day Mr. *Oglethorpe* arrived here, and received our *Saltzburgers* and us in a very friendly manner; and we dined with him. He will speedily give Orders that our People shall go to the Place intended for their Settlement. He being very solicitous that these poor *Indians* should be brought to the Knowledge of God, has desired us to learn their Language; and we, with the Blessing of God, will joyfully undertake the Task. The *Indian* Language, from the best Information we can get, containeth not above One Thousand primitive Words; and can best be written with *Greek* Letters, because of the long and short Vowels; and some of their Sounds, cannot be expressed by any other Alphabet but the *Greek*. They say, that all Nations descend from two Brothers: that one of them, the Ancestor of the

Indians, was red ; and the other, the Ancestor of the *Europeans*, was white. 'Tis probable, these their Thoughts are grounded upon the History of *Esau* and *Jacob*. They had known nothing of Drunkenness, if they had not learn'd it of the Christians. They give each other several Names of Honour, according to the Time and Circumstances, as a Title or Reward ; whereby they encourage young People to Valour, Industry and Fidelity.

THEY have some Religion, believing a Supreme Being, which they call *Sotolycatè*, * who is in all Places ; though they would not teach us the Word, by which they express the Name of GOD in their Language. They believe that from this Supreme Being comes every Thing, especially Wisdom. They use no Ceremonies, nor outward religious Exercises, except at a solemn Festival held once a Year. They worship no Idols ; however they sing some Songs about the ancient Heroes. They are unwilling to talk to profane People about Religion. They are very ambitious : for which

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* Literally translated, *He who sitteth Above*.

Reason they make War, but not to gain Land. They love to be praised; though they seem to turn it off, and transfer it to others. They shew great Respect to old People, to whom one must speak first, before one can speak to the young People. If any one dishonours them, they are not to be reconciled. They account themselves to be rude and ignorant, but are desirous to be better instructed. Of *Indians* they have several Nations, the best among which are the *Creeks*, who talk one Language. One of the other Nations, who are called *Uchees*, are much inclined to Robbing and Stealing; but these *Creeks* are Honest, Serviceable, and Disinterested. He that does a Kindness to them, they will remember for ever. And they likewise are willing to give what one desires of them, though they should want it themselves. If Mr. *Oglethorpe* was to desire one of them to go with him to *England*, or any other Place, he would be willing; unless he had an old Father, who was helpless, and wanted his Assistance. They love one another, so that they venture their Lives for one another. They abhor Adultery: They provide for the Poor, the Widows, and Orphans. In their Language are no Words which denote

note obscene Things, or Oaths; unless they learn them from the *Europeans*. Their Kings do not reign with absolute Power, but give Counsel. The King proposes to the Old Men, and the Old to the Young Men; after which it is put in Execution. They do not contradict one another with vehemence, but endeavour to agree; and if that cannot be, the Superiors are not angry. The King's Office is, to divide the Time; to tell the Season when to go a Hunting, when to Planting, and when to Harvest. Likewise He is to attend the Sick, give them Physick, provide for Widows: and these are called, **KINGS OF PEACE**. When a King is not fit for his Office, they choose another. The Wisest is their King; who doth not distinguish himself from others by Clothes. Besides These, they have War Captains. They give the King the Tenth of all they have. If a Present is made to the King, he doth not keep it, but distributes it among all, and keeps nothing for himself; and afterwards they give him back the Tenth Part, or pretty near it. The Widows do not cut their Hair, nor tie it up, but let it hang loose. Every Nation hath a peculiar way of cutting their Hair, where-

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by they are distinguished. They honour Mr. *Oglethorpe* as their Father, and ask his Advice in all their Circumstances: He understands somewhat of their Language.

OUR *Saltzburgers* have often been admonished very earnestly to abstain from drinking a certain intoxicating Liquor like Brandy, called *Rum*; which is made of Molosses, in the Islands of the *West-Indies*, &c. because this Liquor hath occasion'd the Death of many People. Some good Persons, who lately visited our *Saltzburgers*, are much pleased with their Devotion, and with the whole of their Behaviour; and on that Account, prophecy much Good to the Country.

Saturday, *March 16.*

IN the Forenoon, an *English* Minister, belonging to the Garrison of *Port Royal*, was at our Church; and after Service, went with us to our Lodgings. He was glad to see us, and our *Saltzburgers*, and assured us of his constant Friendship and Assistance; and he will take Care to get our Habits made, and buy what is wanting in *Charles-town*. We intend to receive the Sacrament in *Savannah*, for which we prepare our selves, and our Congregation.

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By Mr. *Oglethorpe's* Fatherly Care, our *Saltzburgers* have got their Provision for a Fortnight before-hand, as Bread, Rice, Flower, Meat, Pease, and Sugar: Afterwards, they are to have it for 3 Months, so that they can divide and use it as they please, every one according to their Family. Besides this, Mr. *Oglethorpe* hath given every one six Pound of Bread, as a Present, and assured them of his further Affection and Care. Which Goodness makes the People rejoice, and bless God. Mrs. *Rotbe*, who hath been some Days sick, and is near her Time, hath all that she asks for, out of the Storehouse. Orders were likewise given for our Maintenance; but we told them, we had received our Salary; and therefore we desired nothing, but that this Benefaction might be bestowed upon others.

Sunday, *March 17.*

THOUGH it is but yet the Beginning of the Spring here, it hath for some Days past been hot, which makes the Nights, Mornings, and Evenings more pleasant. To every House is allotted a good Spot of Ground, of which the People make Gardens, where they may have all sorts of Fruit and Herbs. But at present there is very little

the Greens in them, because they have but lately been made. All Houses and Gardens are laid out in a Mathematical Equality; which will make a fine Shew, when they come to Perfection. The People have Horses, Cows, Fowls, &c. in plenty; yet Milk, Eggs, and other Victuals, (except Pork) is much dearer here than in *Germany*; because, They do not care to kill the Cattle, rob the Calves of the Milk, nor take the Eggs, for fear of lessening the Breed. For as the Settlement is but new, they are eagerly desirous of increasing their Stock; and the Cows go Day and Night in the Woods, with Bells on their Necks; The greatest Labour, is the cutting down and clearing away of the Trees, for the Country is all covered with Woods.

Monday, *March* 18.

ONE of us dined this Day with an *English* Merchant, where the *English* Minister was present; and in their Discourse they talk'd of the *Saltzburgers*, whom they commended very much, as as being laborious and religious, whereby they gave a good Example to the Inhabitants here. They came twice a Day from their Tent to our Chapel, where we preach the Word of GOD to them, and

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pray with them an Hour : And several *English* People being also present, we have perceived that they admire them, because they answer our Questions so readily, and use the Bible, old and young. We wish that every one of our Congregation had a Bible, * then God would give more Blessing to our Devotion.

Tuesday, *March 19.*

MR. Oglethorpe went last *Friday* with the Commissary, Mr. *Zwefler*, Mr. *Gronau*, and a *Saltzburger*, to the Place where we are to live with our *Saltzburgers*, in order to shew them the Ground where they are to build their Houses. This Day the Commissary and Mr. *Zwefler* return'd back, and inform'd us much of the Goodness and Fertility of the Ground, as also of the Goodness of the *Indians*. When they promise a Thing, they keep their Word, and would rather die than go from it. If they find one in a Lye, they account him unworthy to look upon, or shake Hands with. An Old Man, one of the Wisest among them, believed, and told them, That the Supreme Being would soon send them some Person that would

* N. B. Bibles have been sent,

would shew them the right Way to Wisdom, (by which they mean Religion) though He might not live to see it. They seldom ask for any Thing of any Body ; but if one offers them any Thing, they do not refuse it. They love Equality ; and will be pleased with our *Saltz-burgers*, who both eat and labour in common. They very much observe Peoples Behaviour : They hate self-interested People. They reckon themselves all Gentlemen, and will do nothing but what they think to be generous : They account labouring and working for Hire to be a Slavery : therefore they will not work for Gain. They reckon it a Shame to wear Breeches. When they go a Hunting, they wear Boots of woollen Cloth. Some of them are willing to send their Children to our School : Of these Children we shall by degrees learn some Words. Mrs. *Musgrove*, * who lives here, and is Daughter of an *English* Man by an *Indian* Woman, and speaks the *Creek* Language, is a very good Christian, and gave the *Indians* some Notions of the Holy Scriptures.

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* She is Wife to Mr. *Musgrove*, the Interpreter before mentioned.

WE have learn'd some Words of their Language ; for instance, *πῦρ*, Fire ; *ἥλιος*, the Sun ; *οἶκος*, House ; *πῦλον*, the Heel ; *σοῦλον*, Stockings ; *κύων*, a Dog.

WE designed to celebrate the Memory of our Arrival here, and to receive the Sacrament all together ; but we hear, that to-morrow Morning eight young Men of our *Saltzburgers* are to go to our Settlement, in order to build some Houses against the Arrival of the Women, Children, and the rest of the *Saltzburgers* ; therefore these few are to receive the Sacrament to-morrow Morning early. We prepared them this Day, according to the Form used in the *German Chapel* in *St. James's* in *London*. Three *Indians* were present, who behaved with great Decency and Reverence. Mr. *Oglethorpe* going to *Purrisburg*, took with him one of us, viz. Mr. *Gronau*, and recommended to him to preach to the *Germans* there, which he accordingly did. There are three Families of our *Lutheran* Confession. And Mr. *Gronau* having preached before them out of *Gal. ii. 20.* they were very glad, and resolved to come constantly to our Settlement, which is

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but a * few Miles from *Parrisburg*, to hear the Word of GOD, and to receive the Sacrament. They reckon the *Saltz-burgers* very happy, in having their own Ministers, for at *Parrisburg* they are now without a Minister.

Wednesday, *March 20.*

THIS Morning early, Mr. *Zweffler* and eight *Saltzburgers*, who were to go to-day to build the Houses, received the Sacrament, in presence of some others of our People. After a Psalm was sung, and Prayers said, a Sermon was preached before them out of *Matt. xxii. 1.* (1.) Of the great Mercy of GOD towards Men: (2.) Of the Way how to become meet for his Mercy. After this, the Communion was perform'd. The *English* Minister was present at the Communion; and yesterday likewise, when Mr. *Rotbe's* Child was Baptized, who was born here since our Arrival: He was very much pleased with our Communicants, and the whole Order of our Divine Service; and afterwards, at the House of one of the Magistrates, who had invited him and one of us to Breakfast, he spoke in a very Christian manner of our Communion. The rest of the *Saltzburgers* are to receive the Sacrament next *Sunday*.

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* Three German Miles.

MR. Oglethorpe hath desired that one of us should go with the eight *Saltzburgers* to our Settlement, in order to preach the Word of God to them, before they go to work, and after. And because I am much taken up with writing Letters, and am to administer the Sacrament to the *Saltzburgers* who remain here, Mr. Gronau hath taken this Journey upon him.

THE *Saltzburgers* have (as the other Settlers in *Georgia*) received a Gift from the Trustees, of Arms, Household Goods, and working Tools, viz. Kettles, Pots, Dishes, Saws, Axes, Shovels, &c.

Thursday, March 20.

THE *Jew* and his Wife, who were before mention'd, are so very willing to serve us and the *Saltzburgers*, that it surprises us; and are so honest and faithful, that the like is hardly to be found, as appears by the following Example. The *Jew's* Wife had by Mistake, and in the dark, taken of a *Saltzburger's* Wife a Crown piece for a Half-Crown piece, because the *Saltzburger's* Wife had given her it for no more: when the next Day the *Jew* saw the Money, and his Wife told him she had taken it for half the Value, he went to the *Saltzburger's* Tent, and

and asked for the Woman, and paid her the other Half-Crown with these Words; " GOD forbid I should have any Goods " in my House that are not my own, " for it will have no Blessing." This made a great Impression on the *Saltz-burgers*.

BECAUSE these *Jews* shew a great Love for us, and have promised to see us at our Settlement, we hope we shall preach the Gospel of *Jesus Christ* to them with good Success. They were both born in *Germany*, and talk good *German*. They have taken very well what we hitherto have spoke to them.

Friday, *March 22.*

THIS Day *Mr. Oglethorpe* arrived here again, to the great Satisfaction of all the Inhabitants. He is to go to-morrow Night from hence to *Charles-town*, and from thence to embark directly for *London*.

Saturday, *March 23.*

Mr. Oglethorpe did intend to depart from hence yesterday in the Evening, but many Complaints, and other Business of Importance happening, his Departure was deferr'd till this Morning. From what Knowledge we have of Him, we
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conclude, that He hath a great Esteem for GOD's holy Word and Sacraments, and a great Love for GOD's Servants and Children, and wishes to see the Name of CHRIST glorified every where. GOD hath also blessed his Presence and Undertakings in these Countries. And the People being well perswaded of his Fatherly Mind, and indefatigable Labour for their Welfare, his Departure was very sorrowful to them. GOD bless Him, and bring Him well home, and hear all our Prayers for Him. He hath taken all possible Care of us.

THIS Afternoon, we held a Preparation with the rest of the *Saltzburgers* for the Holy Sacrament, preaching to them upon the Words of *Joel*, ii. 32.

Sunday, *March 24.*

THIS Day, at receiving the Holy Sacrament, Almighty GOD was pleased in an extraordinary manner to comfort the Hearts of the Auditors, viz. the Commissary Mr. *Von Reck*, and the rest of the *Saltzburgers*.

Tuesday, *March 26.*

IT is a great Pleasure to us, that Mr. *Oglethorpe* approved of our calling the River, and the Place where our Houses
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are to be built, *Ebenezer*; 1 Sam. vii. 12. Then Samuel took a Stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the Name of it *Ebenezer*; saying, *Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.* Which Denomination is already known among the People that live hereabout. This Word hath at our Arrival here, and when we were yet on board the Ship, made us joyful to the Praise of GOD, and will do it for the future as often as we name the Name of our Town or River, or hear it named.

THIS Afternoon, an *Indian* Man, that is married, * cut both Ears and Hair off from an *Indian* Woman, his Wife, for being too familiar with a white Man. Mr. Oglethorpe hath left Orders behind him, to send our *Saltzburgers* to *Ebenezer* as soon as possible. The Commissary went this Morning with some Men to the River of the same Name, in order to take out the Trees that lie in it, and hinder Boats from going up, that our Baggage may be carried thither by Water.

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* This is the usual Punishment for Adultery amongst the *Indians*. The White Man was tried by a Jury at *Savannah*, found guilty, and punished severely: With which piece of Justice, the *Indians* were greatly satisfied.

Friday, *March 29.*

YESTERDAY and to-day we had cold Weather, which is very surprizing to us, because the Weather hath for some time been rather too hot: This cold Weather is a Blessing of GOD; since the Vermin and little Flies, which incommoded us much, have been destroyed thereby.

Saturday, *March 30.*

As, by the Help of GOD, we are now at more Ease, and in better Order, we can take more Care of the Education of the Children; who come daily several times to our Room, where they are taught proper Texts out of the Holy Scripture, and are Catechized. At Prayers, all is repeated in the Presence of the grown People, whereby they are edified; as well as by the Catechism, and Texts of the Holy Scripture, that are explained unto them. As soon as we come to our *Eben-ezer*, we shall also begin to teach them Reading and Writing.

Sunday, *March 31.*

TO-DAY the Commissary and labouring People returned from the River *Eben-ezer*, where he had found so much Difficulty, that nothing was done; and we are to make a Way by Land, which seems to be an Impossibility. GOD, who hath hitherto

ther to help'd us to overcome all Difficulties, help us in this Case.

Monday, *April 1.*

OUR *Saltzburgers* have had given to them, from the Publick Magazine, by Order of the Honourable Trustees, Provision again for three Months; and of every thing so plentifully, that we cannot enough praise G O D for it. Besides the Provision, they have had an Addition of Household Goods, and Tools, for Building Houses, Tilling the Ground, and Arms and Ammunition, for Defence. And though We two gave Mr. *Oglethorpe* to understand, that we did not desire any Victuals, but would be contented with our Salary, and leave that Benefaction for our *Saltzburgers*, yet the same Provision hath been given to us as to the *Saltzburgers*. This Benefaction came in good time; because the most Part of our Salary was spent in Necessaries, as Clothes, Household Goods, &c.

Tuesday, *April 2.*

A HOUSE being built at our *Ebenezer* for the *Saltzburg* Women and Children, all our Baggage was to-day put on Board a Shallop; which was so filled therewith, that there was no room for the People. Therefore I, (*Bolzcius*) the Physician, and

the *Saltzburgers*, must stay here some Days longer. Several of the *Saltzburgers* were displeased that they could not go with their Goods; however, they were soon appeased. Mr. *Causton*, one of the Magistrates, who hath the Inspection of the Store-house here, hath given unto the *Saltzburgers* Provision for fourteen Days more, because the former is sent on Board the Shallop; prais'd be God for this new Benefaction.

Wednesday, *April 3.*

THE *Jew*, of whom mention hath been made above, hath shewn us and the *Saltzburgers* so much Goodness, that we could desire no more; and though we offered him a Sum of Money for his Labour and Pains, yet he refused to accept of it: Wherefore the *Saltzburgers*, that are still here, resolve to Till his Ground, and to clear it of Trees, and so make good again what he hath neglected for their Sake. We have had several Discourses with him concerning Judaism, and given him some Passages out of the Holy Scripture to consider on, which seemed to make a strong Impression on him. He and his Wife are pleased with the *Saltzburgers* Brotherly Conversation, and Christian Behaviour; and he talking
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of it to us; we told him, that thereby he might learn, that the Christian Doctrine is a holy Doctrine, and that those *Jews* who Blaspheme, did commit great Sin, which he should take Care not to do; but pray to God incessantly, to shew him the Way to Salvation: then he would soon attain to the Knowledge of Truth. They both fear God, and desire to come to Salvation; and we hope to God, that he will also bring these People to the Knowledge of his Son. He was pleased, especially, when we told him, that hitherto we had shewn our People out of *David's* Psalms, that tho' the *Jews* were now afflicted for their Sins; yet it was to be hoped, that soon the Time will come, in which God would raise this his People out of the Dust, Contempt and Sorrow, and make them happy again for *Messiah's* Sake, both which he assented to; and when we asked him out of *Hos. iii. 5.* Who is King *David*? He answered, The LORD *Messiah*, whom they would call upon in the latter Days.

Thursday, April 4.

THE Indians come often to see us; they tell us many Indian Words; shewing us the Things we want to know in their Lan-

Language. It hath happened very well for our *Saltzburgers*, that they were obliged to stay here some Days longer, for they have got by it a good deal of Linen Cloth, Shoes, and other Things.

Friday, *April 5.*

LAST Night, the Vessel which carried our Things to *Ebenezer*, came back; so that we, and the rest of our Baggage, can also go thither. GOD be praised for all the Good we have received in this Place.

•Saturday, *April 6.*

ONE of our Congregation, namely *Lackner*, is grown dangerously Sick, so that according to all Appearances, he hardly will recover; he is troubled with the Diarrhœa, and Shortness of Breath, and very weak; Mr. *Zweßler* the Doctor, assists him as much as possible; we and the *Saltzburgers* would be very sorry if he should die, for he is a godly Man, and a Man of very good Sense, useful in every thing; GOD do with him as he pleases.

Abercorn, Sunday, *April 7.*

TO-DAY we arrived at a Village, called *Abercorn*, upon the River *Savannah*, where we must stay till a Road is made by Land to our *Ebenezer*; because at present, the Trees hinder the Passage thither by Water.

Water. Certain wicked People having maliciously spoken false Things of our Place of Settlement, not only that it was impossible to make a Way thither, but also that the Ground was Barren Sand, and exposed to the Invasion of the Enemies. We shewed in the Afternoon Sermon, out of the Gospel upon this Day, *Palm-Sunday, Mat. xxi.* the Nature of CHRIST's true Disciples, *viz.* to go whither the LORD sends them, notwithstanding, it seemed difficult and contrary to Reason. That it is GOD's way, to lead his Children through crooked and strange Paths, and then to bring them to a happy End. In the Application, almost the whole 26th Chapter of *Leviticus* was read to them, and it was shewn to them how we must do, if we will have a fruitful Country, Security against Enemies, &c. *viz.* we must live constantly in the Fear of GOD; on the contrary, that the Reason of Dearth, Barrenness of Soil, and Invasion of Enemies, was Ungodliness, &c. And since GOD has sent us in the Beginning of this *Pas-
sion-Week*, so near our temporal Country, we told them, that GOD who does all Things at his Time, and for our Good; thereby doubtless intended, *First, That*
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CHRIST and his Sufferings should be before their Eyes, and in their Hearts, throughout the whole Course of their Lives; and through them they should seek Wisdom and Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption. *Secondly*, That they as Christians, should continually crucify their Flesh, with the Affections and Lusts; and that the World must be crucified unto them, and they unto the World. *Thirdly*, That they also should prepare themselves for a *Passion-Week*, in time, because GOD's Children must have Trouble and Affliction in this World, inward and outward, whereby they become like their Redeemer, which is the highest Honour, *Apoc. vii. 14.* To this plain Discourse, GOD gave his Blessing, and the People resolved to go farther, in the Name of GOD, whether He would send them; for they trusted in Him, that He would remove all Difficulties and Sorrow.

Monday, *April 8.*

NOTWITHSTANDING it rained this whole Day, by Intervals, very hard, the *Saltzburgers* have made a pretty good Beginning, in making the Way; after having at the Place of their first Work, implored GOD for his Blessing
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and Assistance. This Work being for the Publick Good, and for the Benefit of all *Carolina* and *Georgia*, the Commissary is resolved to desire the Honourable Trustees, that a second Year's Provision might be given to the People, because they must at present work as it were for the Publick, and cannot begin to Till their Ground so soon. All who are able, now work with pleasure.

Tuesday, *April 9.*

THE Wind being to-day Northerly, cooled the Air; which is strange to us, because we expected continual hot Weather in this Country. We all make shift, by Day and Night, as well as we can: The *Saltzburgers* have pitched two Tents; and we, the Ministers, live with two *English* Families, in a Hut in which we cannot sit dry when it rains, besides other Inconveniencies; it being low, and the Doors on both sides continually open, yet Providence preserves our Health. The chief Labour in *Georgia* is, that they must cut down the Woods, of which the whole Country is full, before they can Till the Ground. Here most of the Trees are Oak, but in other Places there are more Fir-trees, Walnut-trees, &c. likewise Frankincense, Vines, Sassafras, aromatick Herbs, &c.

Wednesday, *April 10.*

THE *Saltzburgers* take great Pains, and the Commissary labours hard in making the Way to *Ebenezer*. GOD reward his Christian Love.

Thursday, *April 11.*

MR. *Gronau* came from *Ebenezer* to us, and returned ; because those *Saltzburgers* who are already there, must have the Word preached unto them.

Friday, *April 12.*

THIS Day we kept holy for the Honour of our Redeemer.

Saturday, *April 13.*

Lackner having been long sick, died last Night of a Ptisick and a wasting Fever : He died in the Lord, whom he loved with his whole Heart, in Health and in Sicknes. His Departure from this World was so quiet and still, that those who sat up with him in the Tent, did not perceive it. For a great while he longed for this Rest, and departing this Life ; for which purpose he received the holy Sacrament with very great Desire and Devotion, not long ago in *Savannah*. He was a Man of good Sense, which he also employed to what was good : He was continually reading the holy Scriptures ; prayed without ceasing, and by his peace-
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able and Christian Behaviour, he gave a good Example to others; his Example having been edifying to all the *Saltzburgers*, (for which Reason he was heartily beloved by them) we thought proper to make mention of his Christian Life, and happy Departure out of this World, at Prayers in the Morning; and to employ it to a general Edification. For this Purpose we chose *Heb. xi. 8.* He was to have had a Coffin made for him: but the *Saltzburgers* thought it unnecessary, being accustomed to bury no Body in a Coffin, but Women that die in Child-bed: So they dressed the Corps, after it was washed, in his own Cloaths, laid him upon a Board, and after he was brought to his Grave, in an orderly Proceffion, they wrap'd him up in a Cloth, and let him down into the Ground. Before he was carried out, the Hymn was sung, *Since nothing is more common than to die, &c.* and Prayers said this *Saturday*, remember'd us of GOD's Rest after finishing the Creation, and of our Saviour's Rest after his Sufferings: and gave us occasion to think on the Rest which all GOD's Children are to expect, according to the Words, *Heb. iv. 9, 11.* And before we left the Grave, we gave the People some short Precepts, Comfort

and Admonition, to which G O D was pleased to vouchsafe his Blessing.

Sunday, *April 14.*

T H E Death of *Lackner*, and the Preaching of the Word of G O D on that occasion, prepared our Congregation for the present *Easter* Holy-days ; so that the first Day thereof was spent in great Devotion, though we are yet in an unsettled State ; we wish that all Ministers of the Gospel were blessed with such a Flock ; They pray for us, that G O D will give us Grace and Wisdom to preach the Gospel in its purity. During the Sermon, they are as attentive, as if they would devour every Word we spoke. After Sermon, we observe with pleasure, that they retire separately to pray to G O D, to convert the Word they have heard, to their Soul's Spiritual Nourishment : and by their Behaviour, we find that they are not only Hearers, but Doers of the Word. And they look upon it as a great Mercy, that the Word of G O D is preached pure to them ; so they would (as they say) reckon it a great Punishment, if it should be taken from them, or one of us his unworthy Servants should die.

Tuesday, *April 16.*

T H E deceased *Lackner* hath left a little Money, with which we have made a

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Beginning of a Box for the Poor, with the *Saltzburgers* Consent: GOD be pleased to accept this small Beginning, and increase it with his Blessing.

THE Commissary is gone to *Savannah*. Our *Saltzburg* Men are gone to *Ebenezer*, having taken some Kitchen Furniture with them; and will, with the Blessing of GOD, continue to work in making the Way with all Diligence.

Wednesday, *April 17.*

MR. *Gronau* came to-day back again here to *Abercorn*. The Men sent up from *Carolina* by the Trustees Order, to saw Boards for the Building six Houses for us in *Ebenezer*, have made a good Beginning.

Thursday, *April 18.*

WE intended this Afternoon to see the *Saltzburgers* at work; but finding they were advanced far, made us afraid we should not come to *Abercorn* again, and we turned back. One must take care not to go into the Woods without a Guide. The whole Country is covered with Wood; and if one loses sight of the Trees that are marked, whereby the Way is known, one is in danger of being lost; as hath happened to two *Germans*, belonging to *Purrisburg*.

Friday, *April 19.*

THIS Day hath been very remarkable
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and comfortable; GOD hath not only edified Old and Young, by the hearing of his Word, but also shewn us plain Proofs of his Fatherly Care; *First*, Our *Saltzburgers* have brought the Road to Perfection, which some thought impossible; and are gone to *Ebenezer*, to give GOD Thanks for his Mercies, and to begin to Work there. *Secondly*, A * certain Captain (left by Mr. *Oglethorpe*, with his Troops, to have an Eye upon the Behaviour of the *Spanish Indians*) sent a Letter to the Commissary, desiring that a Pasture Ground might be inclosed for some Oxen, which he would send soon for the *Saltzburgers*. *Thirdly*, When the Way was made, we wanted Horses to bring our Baggage and Victuals to *Ebenezer*; but God, who knew our Want, ordered it so, that † four Horses were sent us from *Pallachoccolas* ‡; and a young strong Horse, that had no Master, coming to *Ebenezer*, was brought to us. *Fourthly*,

* Oxen sent up by Captain *Mackpherson*, pursuant to the Trustees Order, for supplying the *Saltzburgers* with fresh Provision.

† Horses sent by Mr. *Oglethorpe*, over Land, from *Charles-town* to *Georgia*, being the Gift of his Excellency Governour *Johnson* to the Trustees.

‡ *Pallachoccolas* is the Name of a Fort, built upon the *Savannah* River, about 20 Miles above *Ebenezer*.

Fourthly, A * certain Man, who lives amongst the *Indians*, not far from *Ebenezer*, sent us some Seeds, though he does not know us.

Saturday, *April 20.*

BECAUSE there is not yet any Malt made here, the *Saltzburgers* have learnt of the *English* People, to Brew a sort of Beer of Molosses, with Sassafras, and the Tops of Firr-Tree, instead of Hops, which they boil in a Kettle with Water; some add Indian Corn: The Inhabitants here reckon this Liquor to be wholesome, and the drinking of Water unwholesome; but we prefer the Water to this Mixture, and find our selves well after it; sometimes we mix it with a little Wine. Yesterday in the Evening, we had much Thunder, with hard Rains, for an Hour; during that time, we sung some Hymns, and edified our selves out of the 29th *Psalms*, and 1 *Sam.* xii. out of which, we considered the great Glory and Mercy of GOD.

Sunday, *April 21.*

TOWARDS the Evening, it Thunder'd, with hard Rain, which about ten o'Clock
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* Mr. *Augustine*, a *Welsh* Gentleman, who since Mr. *Oglethorpe's* Arrival, is settled at *Westbrook*, and built a House there, being 8 Miles from *Ebenezer*.

grew very vehement, and continued a long time. We and the *Saltzburger*s were very much incommoded by the Rain, that pierced thro' the Hut; however it did none of us any Harm.

Monday, *April 22.*

THE Weather clearing up, the People began to pack up their Baggage, to carry it to *Ebenezer*. We all are glad, that God at last will help us out of our present inconvenient Circumstances at *Abercorn*, into our Solitude, where we can serve him, and do our Business without hindrance. The Name of our Temporal Country, puts us in Mind of God's Blessings, and incites us to praise Him as often as we hear it named. We find in the Woods Spinage, Onions, Hyssop, and other useful Herbs, of which we do not know the Names, but are very good for the Pot, or Sallad. At leisure time, we shall apply our selves, together with our Physician Mr. *Zwiesler*, who is a good Botanist, to examine the Herbs, and communicate the Knowledge of them to others.

THE Commissary being desirous to forward the Spiritual as well at the Temporal Welfare of the People, and being better qualified to instruct the * *French*, because

* There are some *French* Families settled at *Abercorn*.

because he understands their Language, made this Afternoon, a Trial of his Talents, in a most pathetick Exhortation to a Christian Behaviour; which he performed to Admiration.

Tuesday, *April 23.*

HERE are Bees, and great Quantities of Honey, in the Woods, which has as agreeable a Taste as that made in *Germany*; and the *Saltzburgers* will make Hives, and gather the Bees. Here is also abundance of Fish, Fowl, and Venison.

Wednesday, *April 24.*

GOD hath moved the Hearts of our Benefactors, who have made a Present to our *Saltzburgers* of 30 Cows, and will send them free hither; 12 of them arrived here last Night; GOD be praised for this Benefaction. The Way to *Eben-ezer* is grown deep, by the hard Rain; which makes it troublesome for the poor People, to carry their Baggage and Provision thither. Having as yet no Waggon, our People make use of a Sledge, till a Waggon is made; but it will cut very deep in the Ground, and be tiresome, especially, because the Horses that are sent us, are lean, and not used to draw. A *Saltzburger*, named *Mittensteiner*, who
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rode into the Woods, is not yet come back; he being simple, we fear he is lost; several Men, who know the Woods, are sent to find him; A Cannon hath likewise been discharged four times for his Direction, but he hath not been seen again yet. GOD seek this lost Sheep, and hear our Prayers for him: He is a good Christian, and a good Workman.

Thursday, *April 25.*

WE edified our selves out of *Exodus 19th*, and *20th*, and the *18th Psalm*.

Friday, *April 26.*

THE Horse which *Mittensteiner* rode into the Wood, came back this Afternoon, without his Rider; the Horse would have brought him back, if he had given him the Bridle. God have Mercy upon him, and grant that this Example may make others more circumspect. The Horse coming back without his Bridle, and the Man being not used to ride, and very simple, makes us fear he is killed with a Fall from the Horse.

Sunday, *April 28.*

PART of the *Saltzburgers* being in *Ebenezer*, and part of them in *Abercorn*; one of us performs the Service in *Ebenezer*, the other in *Abercorn*. God hath
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not yet heard our Prayers, which we have made in Publick and Private, for the lost *Mittensteiner*, we having had no News of him yet. The LORD's Will be done.

Tuesday, *April 30.*

ALL this Afternoon, we have had a warm and fruitful Rain.

Wednesday, *May 1.*

THE Carriage of our Baggage and Provision goes on very slow, and troublesome, because of the Rain, and deep Road.

Thursday, *May 2.*

SOME Days ago, an *Indian* Man, with his Wife and Children, arrived here in a little Boat, not far from *Abercorn*; and because we had shewed him some Kindness, he brought us this Morning a Deer, part of which we gave to our *Saltzburgers* that are here, and other People; and he came again towards Evening, and brought us half another Deer.

Friday, *May 3.*

TO-DAY arrived a Sloop from *Savannah*, which brought us ten great Casks of all sorts of Seeds, for our *Saltzburgers* to sow their Fields and Gardens with. GOD be praised for this Blessing.

Saturday, May 4:

TO-DAY arrived the Cows and young Calves lately promised to our *Saltzburgers*. The Cattle are very wild ; so that it is troublesome to bring them to *Ebenezer*, because they are used to run about Night and Day in the Woods.

Ebenezer, Tuesday, May 7.

MR. *Oglethorpe*, who on account of some Business of Importance was not gone from *Charles-town*, sent a Letter to the Commissary, assuring him of all Care and Affection towards the *Saltzburgers*; and that besides the Cattle they had received already, He had ordered Hogs, Turkies, Geese, Ducks and Fowl, to be delivered to the *Saltzburgers*, as a Gift from the Trustees, and that the Magistrates of *Savannah* would send us, whatever We, the Ministers and the Commissary, should think needful for the *Saltzburgers*. To-day I had the Happiness of seeing *Ebenezer*; having been detained, on account of three sick People, in *Abercorn*, Mr. *Gronau* being in *Ebenezer*. The good People are already much advanced in Tilling the Ground; and to the End that they may advance better, two and two work together, to assist one another. The Place they have chosen to build on, is very plea-

pleasant and fruitful. They had liberty to choose a Place where they pleased.

Wednesday, May 8.

THE People in *Abercorn*, as well as in *Ebenezer*, are troubled with Loosnesses. It is thought, that drinking too much in hot Weather, is the Reason of it. They are too bashful to tell it in the Beginning, when the Evil might be prevented. Some have had great Benefit by our Physick. We assist them in their Sickness: we wish we were able to serve them more. The River-Water will not agree with us nor the *Saltzburgers*; it being full of Trees and Leaves: wherefore we intended to dig a Well; but Providence ordered it so, that we found a Brook, which rises out of a little Hill, and hath good and wholesome Water, and saves us that trouble. This put us in mind of the Words, *Before they call, I will answer.*

Thursday, May 9.

A Tabernacle is to be made of Boards, till a Church can be built.

Friday, May 10.

THE many Benefactions Spiritual and Temporal, which we have received, and daily do receive from our kind and charitable Benefactors, oblige us to give God Thanks on a particular Day; for
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which purpose we have chosen next *Monday*.

Saturday, May 11.

GOD sent us this Day a very fruitful Rain for the Benefit of the Fields of the *Saltzbengers*, who work diligently. They are strengthened in their Belief, seeing they have not been mistaken in their Hopes; that they should not want for Rain: tho' some People would prophesy the rainy Time was already past, and the *Saltzbengers* had done ill in sowing their Seed in a sandy Ground.

Monday, May 13.

THIS Day was by the Consent of the Congregation, appointed for a Holy-day of Thanksgiving; on which our People met twice in remembrance of GOD's Blessings, and praised him for them in publick. In the Forenoon's Sermon, were explained the Words of the travelling *Jacob*, which during our Voyage, and here in *Ebenezer*, have been very comfortable to us, out of *Gen. xxxii. 10.* and thereby shewn, (1.) The Blessings GOD hitherto had shewn us; (2.) Our Duty, according to the Example of *Jacob*. Instead of an Introduction, we used the 107th Psalm, out of which we shewed our former Circumstances, and present Duty,

Duty, which God also hath blessed. In the Afternoon, we intended to explain the Words 2 Cor. v. 9, 10. but it could not be done, because the Commissary, who was to go away next Day, would take his Leave of the *Saltzburgers*, and give them some good Advice before his Departure; which was very moving on both sides, and caused many Tears. God bless the good Man, and send him the Fruits of our earnest Prayers, and of all his Labour of Love and Faithfulness to us.

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